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The amendment filed on 12/19/2005, in response to examiner's first office action, mailed on 8/19/05 is held non-responsive for the following reasons:

Amendment filed on 12/19/2005 has amended original claims 1-7 (originally directed to a dielectric barrier discharge type low-pressure lamp) to a different distinct invention (which is directed to a method of manufacturing a dielectric barrier discharge type lamp) and therefore is held non-responsive.

Applicant has already received an action on the merits for the **Originally presented invention** of the dielectric barrier discharge type lamp, not on the method of manufacturing the lamp.

Accordingly subsequent presentation of claims only (amended claims 1-5, 7 & new claims 9-20) directed to method of manufacturing the dielectric barrier lamp are held non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

Cancellation of the claimed subject matter from originally filed invention should not be of a nature that would change the scope of entire original claims. The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because original claims are directed to a dielectric barrier lamp (an apparatus claims), while amended claims are directed to a different distinct invention (method of manufacturing the apparatus).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

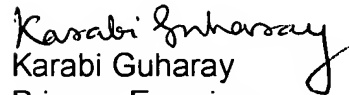
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